Title: **Need to provide adequate funds to Orissa Government for reconstruction of cattle sheds in flood hit areas of the State -Laid..**

SHRI TRILOCHAN KANUNGO (JAGATSINGHPUR): Orissa has been successively and enormously hit by cyclone, drought and flood. This year it is an unprecedented flood. Twenty-one out of thirty districts of the State have been severely affected. Instead of taking long-term measures to address particularly drought and flood problems, *ad hoc* approaches are always being made. I urge upon the Government for making an attitudinal change and take on the problems squarely and permanently.

Cattle population plays a significant role in rural economy of Orissa. No attention has hitherto been paid for their protection and upkeep after every natural calamity. This unprecedented flood has washed away or razed all the mud houses to the ground including cattle sheds. These cattle folk are the means of major livelihood of poor and marginal farmers and agricultural labourers. I urge upon the Government to help each of the family below poverty level rearing these animals of economic importance.

I also request the Government of India to help to construct cattle sheds.